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### SINKS HER SCRUPLES



Remarking "I'm sure I shall get into awful trouble over this," Lady Astor went right ahead and auctioned a bottle of whisky for the benefit of a Christmas fund during a party at 10 Downing Street, London. Lady Astor is known as one of the world's leading teetotalers.—AP Picture.

### Meat Situation Is "Very Gloomy"

London, Dec. 13.—Britain's meat situation is "very gloomy," Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told Parliament today.

"The situation in 1949 is uncertain because of the position with the Argentine and I am afraid I cannot hold out much hope that it will be much better than in 1947," she added.

The amount of meat available for 1948 had been considerably less than for 1947. Moreover, substantial inroads had had to be made into stocks of canned corned beef this year, she said.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Is It Too Late?

THERE is every appearance that the whole of North China (which now means the key cities of Peiping, Tientsin and the report of Tientsin) is about to come under the domination of the Communists. One authority for this is Spence Moosa, doyen of the foreign press corps in China and one of the best balanced and most informed correspondents in the interior. Moosa says that the general conviction in Peiping is that General Fu Tso-yi is preparing to come to a compromise with the Reds, and the fact that the Nationalist military leader has abandoned the Tientsin coal mining area without firing a shot (despite earlier military preparations seemingly intended for its defence) lends authentic colour to this belief. Possibly Tientsin was militarily speaking, indefensible, but that it should be surrendered in such a manner raises immediate doubts as to whether the Nationalists in Hopei intend to engage in any further serious fighting. The mines were left intact, which is contrary to the declared scorched earth policy allegedly laid down by the defending Nationalist forces. Furthermore Moosa's report from Peiping credits General Fu with giving instructions that nothing should be destroyed in the Tientsin area, although the mines were holding 1,000,000 tons of stockpile coal. These developments, taken in association with the growing debacle in the Yangtze, the failure of Generalissimo Chiang to give General Fu the support, supplies and reinforcements which he asked for, lend substantial

# Peiping At Mercy Of The Communists CITY EXPECTED TO SURRENDER BLOODLESSLY

Peiping, Dec. 14.—Events are moving fast in North China. Unless all the signs are false, Peiping is approaching its last days under the Nationalist regime.

During its more than 3,000 years of history it has changed hands many times. And the shadow of the new conqueror is now ominously close.

Here briefly is Peiping's position: firstly, the Reds form a semicircle around it from the Southwest to the East at distances from seven to 15 miles; secondly, General Fu Tso-yi's escape route—the Peiping-Kalgan railroad—is completely sealed with the Reds in possession of most of the line; thirdly, Peiping's two airfields, the West and South Fields, both are in danger of being overrun by the Communist ground forces and, fourthly, the Reds could at almost any moment now cut the Peiping-Tientsin railroad and thus completely isolate Peiping by land.

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This would account for the general calm of the populace, although the sound of occasional gunfire can now be heard throughout Peiping.

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there is no evidence to substantiate this. Another is that there is fighting near the Summer Palace on the Western outskirts of Peiping, famed for the marble boat which the Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi built with funds for the creation of a Chinese Navy.

But this too, cannot be confirmed. Meanwhile, Peiping waits and wonders, not with dismay or panic, but more like a bride awaiting ravishment.—Associated Press.

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## London Startled By Hoffman's Aid To China Statement

London, Dec. 13.—Mr Paul C. Hoffman's statement in Shanghai today that China would still get American aid if the country came under a Coalition, presumably including the Communists, is seen here as a most significant public statement of United States policy since the beginning of major Communist gains in China.

British and American observers agree that Mr Hoffman would scarcely have given such an assurance however conditional upon the exercise of essential freedoms under a Coalition Government unless the official American policy is prepared to acknowledge such condition.

It may consequently be deduced that both in Nanking and Washington, where Madame Chiang Kai-shek is now on a special mission for the Chinese Government, representatives of the American State Department have advised China to admit

the principle of a new Administration by coming to terms with the Communists while there is time.

Reports from Washington that America would not be prepared to increase the scale of her aid to China unless the Chinese Administration made a major effort to help itself are seen here as consistent with this conclusion.

**VAST DIFFERENCE**

Observers admit that there is a vast difference between a decision in principle to discuss a Coalition and a final agreement on terms upon which the Communists and non-Communists would be prepared to work together.

The recent military successes of the Communists have placed them in a strong position to dictate terms for any Coalition which would prepare the ground for subsequent whittling away of non-Communist elements on the lines which have become familiar in Europe since the war.

At the same time the Communists have two practical interests for concluding such an agreement.

1.—China's dependence on existing channels of trade, which are largely foreign and the non-Communist demand for the maintenance of a working link between any Communist Administration and the outside world.

2.—Politically speaking, the Communists may not be eager to press home their military advantage into territories in which they would at once have to accept undivided responsibility for economic and administrative problems which they would inherit.—Reuter.

Among these developments and rumours of compromise with the Reds, General Fu Tso-yi's Headquarters announced the Peiping and Tientsin would be defended "to the last minute." General Fu is government commander of North China.

A military spokesman said Lin Piao, the Communist Commander-in-Chief of Manchuria, had moved all his troops into Hopei province to seize Peiping and Tientsin. The strength of this Red invasion army was estimated officially here at 180,000.

Traffic on three of four north China railways has, for all practical purposes, ceased. The Peiping-Pukou, Peiping-Hankow and Peiping-Tientsin lines now operate only within Peiping city limits. General Fu still controls the Peiping-Mukden railway to a point about 50 miles northeast of Tientsin.—Associated Press.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is now relying largely on airdropped supplies of food and ammunition, informed sources said here tonight.

They require 500 tons of food, 400 tons of ammunition daily. The two encircled groups probably number between 200,000 and 250,000, and their plight becomes daily more critical with the lengthening period of the Communist encirclement.

Over 50 civil and air force planes are flying several trips each out of Nanking and Shanghai daily, carrying needed supplies to the beleaguered forces.

Within Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's grasping area, 400 trucks are being used to form a landing ground for light aircraft but it is understood that no planes are able to land yet.—Reuter-AAP.



### Nationalists In Action

Chinese Nationalist soldiers entrenched near Hsichow, prepare to attack Communist troops from entrenchments vacated a few hours earlier by the Communists. Smoke at left centre is rising from Communist lines.—AP Picture.

### Minister Makes Love To Woman Member Of Diet

Tokyo, Dec. 14.—The Finance Minister, Sanroku Izumiyama, resigned today from the Japanese Parliament after a 47-year-old woman member of the Diet charged that he had made "improper advances" to her in the lobby.

The Speaker of the House had to declare a recess to restore order last night when Mrs Saruyama Yamashita claimed Izumiyama had embraced her.

The Cabinet accepted Izumiyama's resignation admitting he had become drunk during a party earlier last week-end.

The House Speaker declared that it was useless to restore order after Mrs Saruyama Yamashita claimed that Izumiyama tried to embrace her.

Izumiyama was not present to defend himself.

It was said that the Finance Minister was asleep in the Ministers' waiting room. After a recess, the Diet went back into the 9th session in an effort to pass the supplementary Budget Bill and then vote on the Opposition Party's non-confidence motion against the Yoshida Government.

Another woman representative, Mrs Chiyo Hatakeyama, 60, made the first charge against the Finance Minister.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida, replying, said: "I am sorry that the Finance Minister is not here, but I must still investigate."

Mrs Yamashita then took the floor and said: "I was the direct victim of Izumiyama. He forced me out of the room into the corridor and embraced me."

"He told me 'I love you.' I told him he had more important business to attend to."—United Press.

## Big Armed Police Force For Japan Is Envisaged

Washington, Dec. 13.—Informed Defence sources today said the United States was thinking of building an armed police force of 100,000 to 150,000 men in Japan. They said that, militarily speaking, no drastic change was contemplated in the United States Far Eastern policy, but rather a gradual evolution whereby Japan would not remain a power vacuum after the occupying forces had left.

First official indication that the United States was thinking along these lines was in last September, when Lieut-General Robert Eichelberger returned from Japan and said he favoured an armed police force of 125,000 men.

Since then the Chinese situation has deteriorated, rapidly posing new problems in United States policy in Asia and crystallising thoughts concerning a Japanese security force. However, informed Defence sources insist no drastic changes are contemplated.

### DISARMAMENT POLICY

Sources pointed out that all powers occupying Japan were committed by policy to disarmament, and keeping her disarmed. Also, the Japanese constitution commits Japan to complete disarmament. However, Japan is permitted to maintain certain forces inside the country for policing purposes and maintenance of order.

An source said the contemplated force of 150,000 would not contravene either the policy or the constitution.

Both the U.S. Army and State Department for a long time have opposed sending more substantial military aid to China on the grounds that it would not be properly utilised. There have been reports that General MacArthur, until the past few months, favoured going to Chiang Kai-shek's aid with large stocks of Army materials in Japan which were not being utilised by the occupying troops. However, this situation changed and stocks considered surplus or unusable a few months ago now are regarded as vital to defence.

### UNCONFIRMED REPORTS

In view of these indications of changing outlook, there have been reports—completely lacking confirmation—that General MacArthur requested strong reinforcements and United States military policy-makers were considering rearming the Japanese. Whether the National Security Council is considering such a policy definitely is not known. The council's decisions are top secret and no announcement is ever made on them.

However, defence sources at lower level than the Security Council insist that an armed police force is as far as United States planning goes now.

These sources say it is obvious Japan could not be left without security forces of its own when the occupying powers leave. Hence the necessity for building up and training a strong, well-disciplined police force.

The sources carefully pointed out that the Defence Department did not formulate United States policy, nor did the National Security Council. President Truman and Congress can override both, and force a re-appraisal of the entire Far Eastern policy. However, past tendency has been for Mr Truman and Congress to listen closely to political and military advice from the State and Defence Departments.—United Press.

## Armed Protection For Government Banks In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 14.—The doors of the Central Bank of China and the Bank of China—Government institutions where paper money is being converted into gold and silver—opened today under the protection of machine guns, armoured cars and riot squad police with bayoneted rifles.

During the past two weeks, thousands of Chinese, taking advantage of the government offer to turn in Gold Yuan for gold and silver, have been growing increasingly unruly. Masing up against the doors of the two banks, jamming streets, blocking the Bund sidewalk traffic, and often breaking out in gangbouts for places in line, the would-be buyers of gold bars and silver dollars this morning were

herded into perfect lines under the ungentle hand of the tough, helmeted riot squad police.

Armoured cars with machine guns trained squarely at the main entrances of the two banks—a short block apart—squatted behind the police who swung ramrods and riflebutts at the recalcitrant queuers who tried to sneak out of the line to get ahead.

Black Marins loaded with protesting Chinese sired off to go. As far as half a mile in either direction along the Bund from the two banks, riot squad members were stationed. The garden bridge across Soochow Creek was guarded at both ends. Policemen told the United Press that all these measures were purely precautionary just in case organised mobsters of

"Yellow Ox" gangs—who have been most unruly among the queuers since gold and silver sales opened, might try to force their way through police lines.

Yellow Ox gangs, which have long plagued Shanghai's economy through clever manipulation of commodities, supplies and black-market activities, have been having a heyday in the current gold and silver sales. They hire stooges to stand long hours in lines, take over gold purchases at \$1,000 GY per ounce or silver dollars purchasable at the equivalent of less than \$3 US cents, and then take it out to resell at more than double the cost to persons unwilling to line up.

These gangs are highly resentful of the police, breaking up their racket.—United Press.



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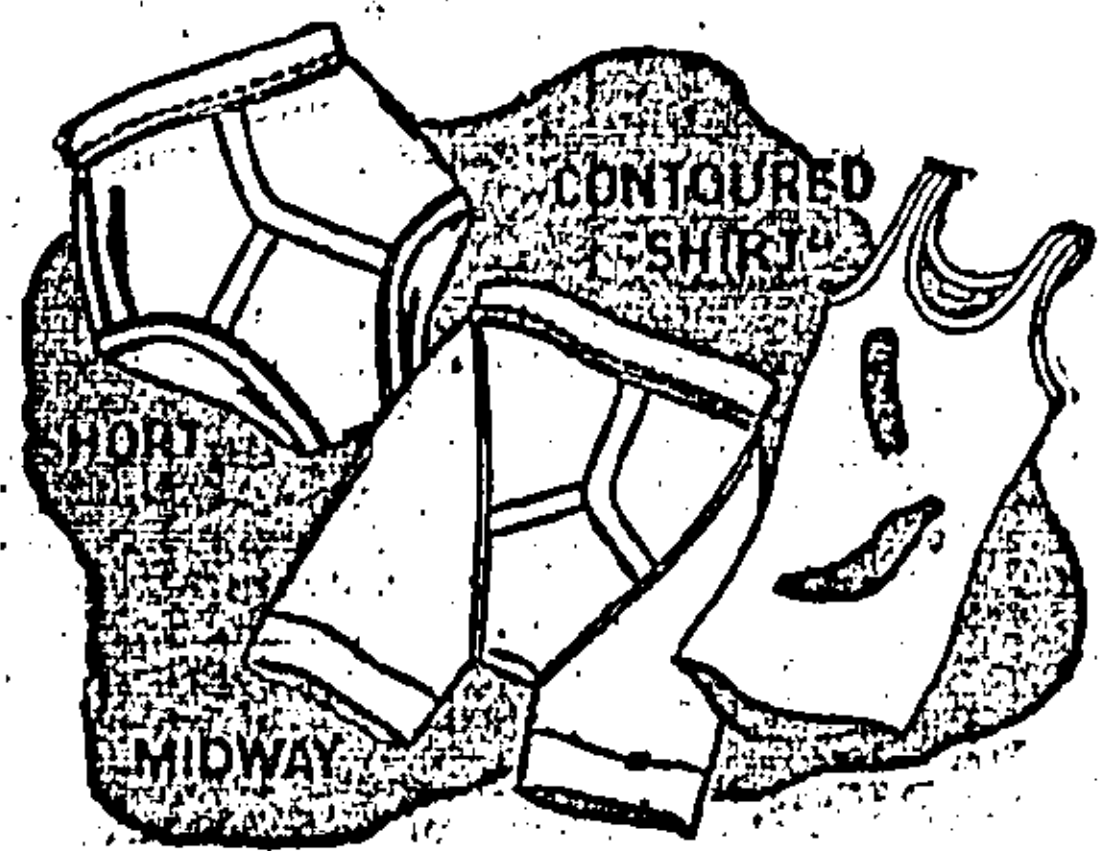
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By PRUNELLA WOOD

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### HOW TO TREAT THE NEAR-SIGHTED CHILD

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are a great many false notions about nearsightedness, especially the one that a child with this condition will gradually become blind. I am glad to be able to assure parents who have been frightened in this way that they have nothing of this kind to fear.

As a matter of fact Dr. A. Lloyd Morgan is even more reassuring. He believes that the near-sighted child should not be thought of as having a terrible eye disease and that, above all, he should be allowed to live a normal life instead of being treated as an invalid.

In some cases it is true that as the child grows older the nearsightedness gets worse. Some doctors even go so far as to advise that children with severe degrees of nearsightedness be taken out of school and allowed to remain for a period of one year. They found that when this was done, half the children did not get any worse. Dr. Morgan found, however, that if no treatment of any sort is given, seven out of ten children with nearsightedness do not get progressively worse.

#### Proper Glasses

A number of different causes for nearsightedness have been suggested, such as heredity, or weakness which has developed before birth; changes in the shape of various eye structures; a lack of action of muscles that move the eye; increase of pressure of fluids within the eye-ball, and lack of various vitamins and minerals. It has been claimed that bad reading habits contribute to nearsightedness.

In treating the near-sighted child, of course, he should be fitted with proper glasses. In the experience of some physicians, it does not seem to make any difference whether the glasses are worn all the time or not. It is suggested that the parents be informed that the child may wear the glasses when he wishes to see objects at a distance, but that he certainly should wear them when he is reading. No other special type of treatment seems to be necessary except the usual following of good health habits in regard to a well-balanced diet and getting plenty of rest and sleep, fresh air, and sunshine.

#### Normal Life

There appears to be no need to restrict reading or to stop any particular activity.

In more than 240 patients who were treated in this way by Dr. Morgan and observed over a period of seven or eight years, three out of four showed only mild changes in their condition; fact is, there was very little tendency for the nearsightedness to become worse. It would appear, then, that a child who is nearsighted should be permitted to lead a normal life. He, of course, should be fitted with the proper glasses and given instructions about wearing them. Such a youngster should not be considered an invalid.

### FLY-AWAY DRESS



Black wool striped with pink makes this dress and bolero.

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### Paris Shoe Styles For Next Year

HERE'S the word on Paris shoe styles for next year:

It's high button shoes, for one thing.

Of course, not all the shoes are buttoned, but the idea is the same. Pinned heels, pointed toes, and that fall look.

The shoes were displayed in a "show" showing which included amethyst and garnet-studded gold kid "chaussure d'intérieur," a bedroom slipper priced at a mere U.S. \$250.

Actually, few people walk around in these creations. They are made so that the designs can be sold to leading shoe manufacturers all over the world.

#### Styles Varied

Here's what's new for next year:

For daytime wear: thick crepe-soled walking Oxford type shoes with flat heels, made in gray, colorful shiny leathers. Red and Kelly green preferred for wear with gray tweeds, and even (first time seen in a fashion show anywhere) with dressy dark dresses.

For afternoon wear and cocktail times, the spat shoe (or high buttoned type) came into its own. Matching plaid spats over black patent leather, pointed-toe pumps, for example, were shown with a dressy, wide-brimmed hat. Gray elastic sheaths built up over the regular shoe line and closely hugging the ankles also were shown with black and brown patent leather shoe-bases.

For dancing in the afternoon and evening, there were soft baby-pink, high heeled booties. Baby blue and pink were featured in fur lined "after ski" boots.

#### One Pair Different

Dodging from the Victorian look in "shoe" was one pair with the strap-button business, a sandal with a rounded last made in black patent leather which was strictly 1920.

Straps of all kinds and the roman-sandal effect of lattice-work laces up the ankles were shown for both cocktail and evening wear. Although there were no flat heels, heels in the collection, by Paris shoe designers, went as high as a little over three inches.

Silts, punctures and pleats, especially cut-outs in leaflike formations over the toes, were shown on almost all models. One model was so complicated it took the shoe-maker a week to make. These shoes were all handmade.

Colours, bright ones, were shown with dark ensembles, and other tones were mouse gray, bottle green, baby blue and pink, beige, dead leaf, chocolate brown (to wear with black), house, tooth, black and white checks and red plaids for the superstructure or gaiter.

### "Metallic" Furniture Upholstery

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE glint of metal brings a fresh look and a fine richness to the new furniture upholstery scheme of things. A recent showing of furniture in America and Europe, and visitors just as interested, indeed, perhaps more so, in the furniture than in the beautiful fashions.

Upholstered chairs and settees from various manufacturers, in designs that ranged from period reproductions to contemporary pieces, showed an interesting use of metal-plated fabrics. An armless chair had an upholstery a handsome green and white textured fabric with a fine stripe formed by gold thread. An open armchair in green and beige showed off a bold gold stripe, and very handsome too!

#### Sage Green

Another piece was one in a most interesting fabric in sage green with a distinct ridge formed by a loop pile weave. Gold thread appears in the flat spaces between the ridges, making for a novel effect. One of the most attractive exhibits was a pair of little slipper chairs of a very new design. These were fully upholstered armchairs with the line and proportions of a modern easy chair, yet they were small and dainty. The chairs were covered in a hand-woven tweed in gray, green, and blue with gold thread overtones. Another piece was upholstered in a fabric in which narrow gold stripes alternated with stripes of coral chenille.

#### Made By The Blind

A woven pattern suggesting a plaid in deep pink, green and gold aroused interest as it was one of a collection hand woven by blind workers.

In keeping with the furniture there were some handsome fabrics used for other decorating purposes. A fine white casement cloth delicately highlighted with gold thread suggested all sorts of uses. A hand-woven rug composed of copper metal threads blending into a rich, cocoa brown fibre would look at home anywhere. Just about the most attractive and original screen seen in a long time, is a floor screen made of half-round wood dowels alternating with feed-like sticks, and woven together with rich chenille yarns and silver thread.

### Keep Neck Contours Youthful



Give neck and shoulders a nightly massage to keep youthful contours, advises Screen Star Martha Hyer.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT may happen that a woman wins the beauty race by a neck. A beautiful neck of satin-smooth surface and fine lines is a good-looking item of which any woman may be proud. But the trouble is this: if it qualifies, it gets no attention whatsoever. If it goes to seed, takes on wrinkles or discolorations, there is difficulty in getting it in form again.

A neck can look older than anything, and you just can't live it down. If you are getting along towards the forty mark, you had better get neckwise and soon. It can go into a state of collapse overnight and then what? All you can do is to cover it with a collar. Don't forget that it can be preserved through fastidious treatment, rarely can be repaired with success.

Five minutes of lubricating and massaging every night will often insure against neck wreckage. Use a heavy emollient, one that will not permit the fingers to slip. Put it on a clean skin surface.

Start the application just below the collar bones, using upward-curving strokes. Placing flattened fingers at the base of the throat, work out and up to the tops of the shoulders in half circles. Then, starting under the chin, do sweeping strokes to the ear lobes. Try not to stretch the skin. Slip and pat briskly. Finish with an ice friction.

Thin necks will absorb a good deal of cream, and that is all to the good. In the morning, lather with cold water to bring firmness to the tissues. How you carry your head may be the making or the unmaking of this pillar that holds up your face. Let the chin droop and there will be cross lines on your throat. Keep up your chin—you should anyway because you look better that way—and the delicate fibres running from the chin to the chest will keep strong and resilient. And don't let your powdering stop just under your chin. Include the neck and the earlobes.



**Let's Eat**

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### A Nice Cold Weather Treat

WHEN cold weather comes, one of the most popular treats is waffles. Traditionally they were served for breakfast; but now they are popular as desserts, and their delicious, fill-up qualities can retrieve many a meal that otherwise might be classed on the skimpy side. But I maintain that waffles should also be used more frequently instead of toast with creamed ham or dried beef, chicken a la king, or even with luncheon meat in a good spicy Spanish sauce; all good dishes for breakfast, luncheon or dinner.

shrimp, or grated tuna fish a la king. And it is a help to the budget because it makes a little meat or fish or cheese go a long way.

"Nice and cornmeal waffles would be especially good used that way. Chef. And, of course, they're perfect with sausages for any meal."

#### Dinner

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Waffles  
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#### Quick Franconia Potatoes

Plain boil or pressure-cook well scrubbed white potatoes. Peel, sprinkle lightly with salt and brown all over in meat fat or bacon drippings, either on the range or in the oven.

#### Waffles

Sift together 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour, 2 1/4 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 tbsp. granulated sugar. Separate 2 eggs. Beat the yolks lemon coloured, and the whites stiff. Melt 1/3 c. butter or margarine. Stir in 1 c. milk; add to the egg yolks. Into this gradually beat the dry ingredients. Beat constantly until batter is light and full of bubbles. Better use a hand beater. Then fold in the egg whites. Bake the waffles in a pre-heated waffle iron until golden brown. Allow about 3 min. Serve as a savoury with meat or fish, heated in a cream or Spanish sauce; or as a sweet with confectioner's sugar and cinnamon, syrup, honey or butterscotch sauce.

Waffle-Griddle Cakes: Follow the preceding recipe, adding 1/2 c. extra milk. Drop by tablespoons onto a heated griddle or heavy frying pan oiled with shortening. Turn when full of bubbles, to brown the other side.

Butterscotch Sauce: Combine 1 1/2 c. medium brown sugar with 4 tsp. corn syrup, 1/2 c. boiling water and 1/4 tsp. salt. Boil until 1/2 tsp. of the mixture clings together when dropped in very cold water, or cook up to 232 F. by the candy thermometer. Remove from the heat; beat in 3 tbsp. butter or very good quality margarine and 1/4 c. undrained evaporated milk. Serve hot or cold.

#### Trick Of The Chef

To make waffles without spilling, mix the batter in a large pitcher and pour into the waffle iron.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**THE FIRST SIGNS**—The first big snow in America piled up drifts four to five feet high in this South Dakota town. The white blanket is cruelly troublesome.



**PLOUGHING PRESSMAN**—Paul Stiefbold relaxes on his tractor with the trophy won at the National Ploughing Contest in Dexter, Iowa. Co-publisher of a paper in Naperville, Illinois, he is believed to be the only American newspaperman who is also a champion plougher. He also won the title in 1946.



**THANKSGIVING**—Joy was bursting in their hearts when members of the Opilka family arrived in Memphis, Arkansas, from the misery of a displaced persons camp in Europe. But first in their minds was an offering to God for their deliverance. From the railway station they went directly to St. Michael's Church in West Memphis. Father Louis Janesko blesses them as they start a new life filled with hope for the future in a free America. They will settle on a farm in the state.



**CARRY YOUR OWN**—Actress Helen Hayes was glad to be greeted at the pier by her husband, Charles MacArthur, and son, Jamie, when the liner America landed during the New York seamen's strike. No pier hands were to be found.

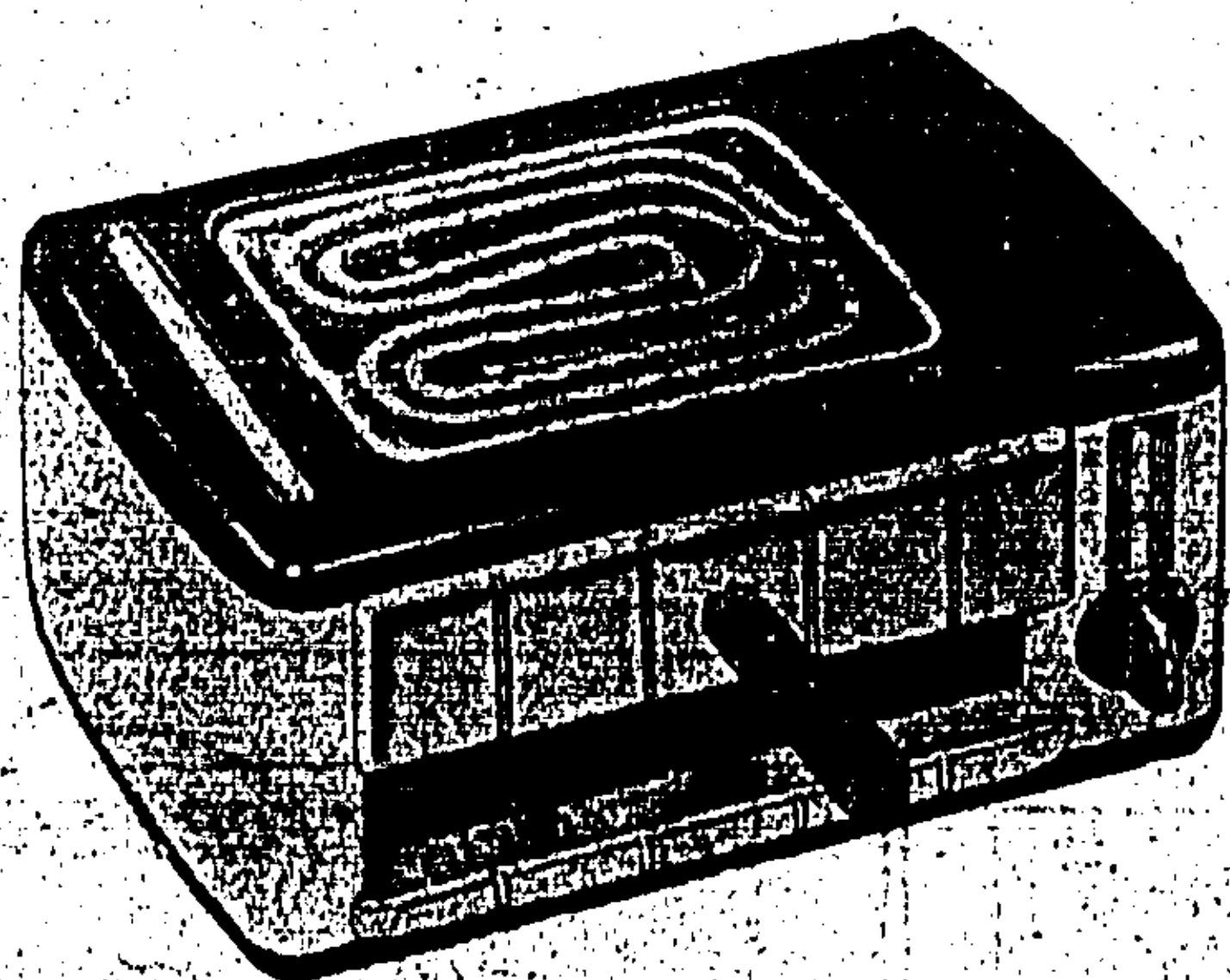


**AMERICAN-MADE MIGHT**—In this first public showing of U.S. military equipment, supplied to Turkey, under the military aid programme, tanks, trucks and artillery manned by Turkish crews roll through the outskirts of Ankara. The display marked the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.



**A HELPING HAND**—This Israeli soldier lends a helping hand to a small Arab girl after Jewish forces drove Arab irregulars from Iqir, a tiny Palestinian town in Galilee.

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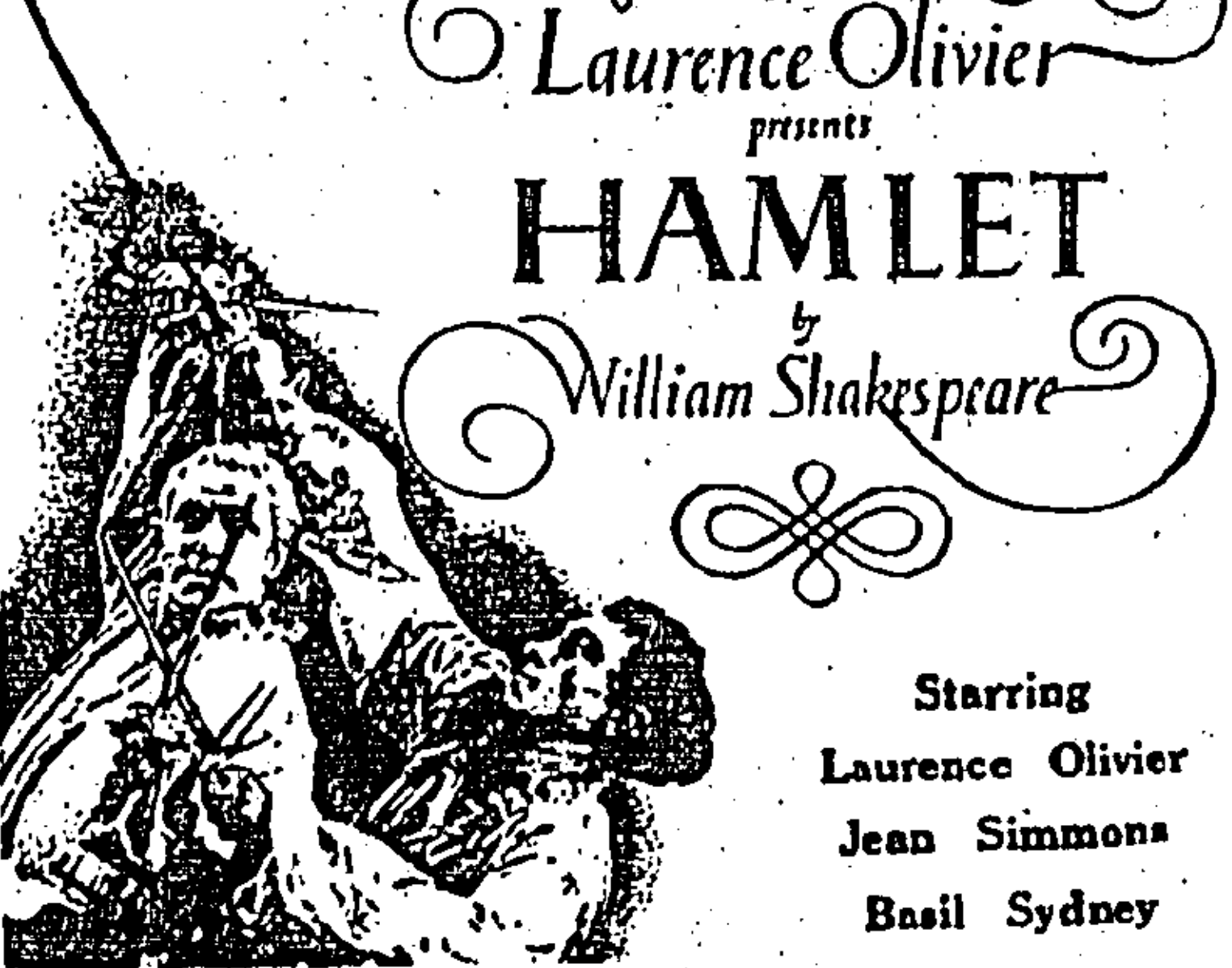
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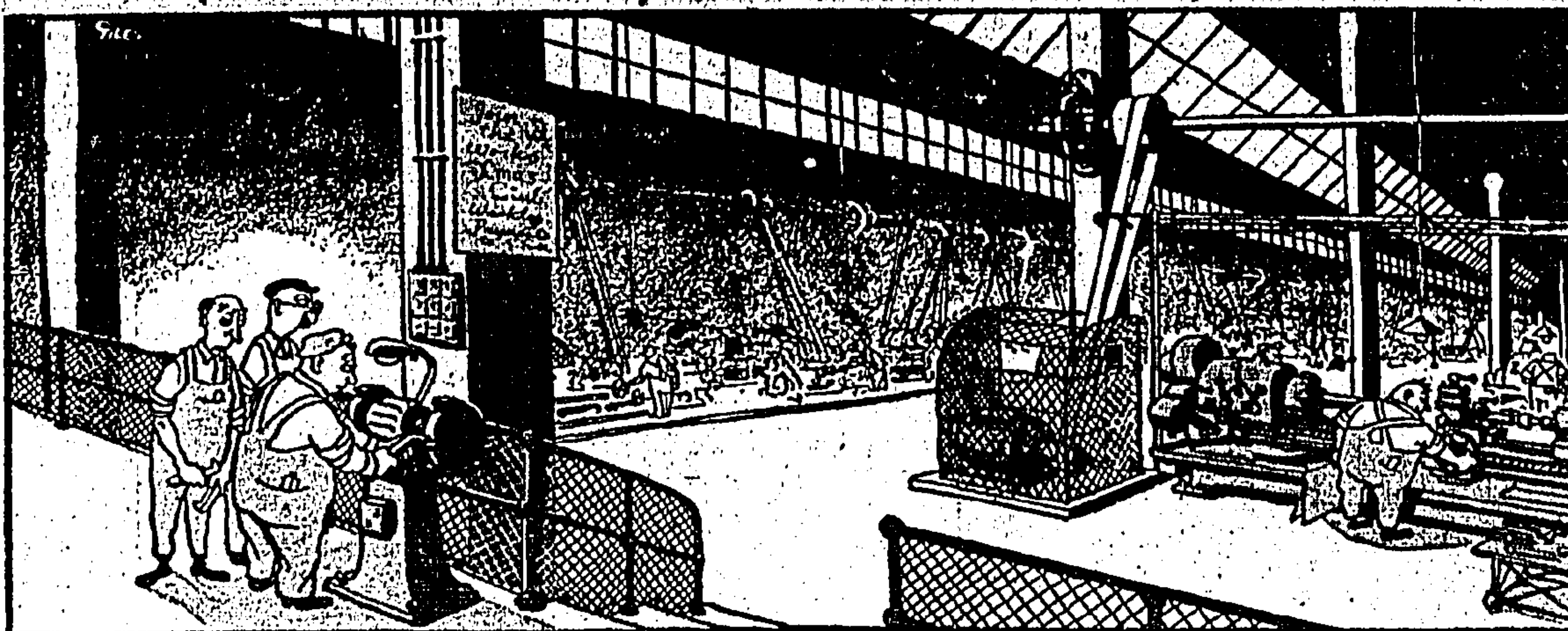
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## HE WAS STRONGER THAN THE KREMLIN

By GEORGE SCOTT

**B**YOND the boundaries of Soviet Russia the red sun of Communism is setting. Outside of Russia its rays are growing steadily weaker, and while it still sends forth long shadows of unrest, we have passed from the dangers of its noonday glare.

Communism has failed in Western Europe, and the glorious days of its exultant prestige abroad are over for Russia.

Those were the days when admiring Allied audiences watched with amazement the stubborn resistance of the Russian armies at Stalingrad; when they goggled gratefully at the massive military machine rolled on to Berlin along the path cleared for it by the relentless bombing of German industrial cities by the RAF.

### THREE MEN WHO DIVIDED GERMANY

While these hymns of praise were being sung for Russian might, a committee of three men sat to determine the partition of Germany, defining the spheres of authority. They sat for more than 18 months. The members of this committee were Winston, Gusev, and Strang—the same Strang who visited Russia for the British Government in 1939—and their recommendations gave to Russia large portions of German territory.

These concessions were made at the time when America was earnestly pressing Russia to take a share in the war against Japan. America then had no great confidence in swift victory in the Far East.

Russia gave an undertaking "and entered the Japanese war" on the day, according to her promise. The date happened to be six days before the Japanese surrender.

The zenith of Russian popularity in the Western countries was reached at the Potsdam conference, from which the Western delegates departed in the joyful belief that they had established a basis for maintaining wartime unity with Russia.

They agreed to support the Soviet claim for the transfer to Russia of Königsberg and East Prussia; and acknowledged, for the time being, the accomplished fact of the Russian occupation of Eastern Germany.

### TRIUMPH, THEN THE DECLINE

This was the greatest triumph of Communism, but thereafter Russian authority began to decline.

The first public manifestation of a clash between the Western Powers and Russia came in Iran. Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill had agreed on the necessity of maintaining the "independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Iran."

Russia and Great Britain had invaded Iran as a joint enterprise, agreeing that both armies would evacuate six months after the war. Russia did not withdraw her troops. Mr. Byrnes put on pressure, and for the first time the Russians were compelled to evacuate in face of American insistence.

Very quickly the friction increased and conflicts became severe. Differences were pronounced and disputes acrimonious.

The climax came in Italy, where the first signs of the rout of Communism were to be witnessed. Communism had all the advantages in Italy of postwar depression in a defeated country.

It had all the credit for organizing the underground resistance movement, and was expected to seize hold of the Government with popular approval.

It was there that the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, went into politics. As a result he won a campaign for his country in the ancient centre of civilisation.

A democratic form of government was set up and Marshall aid further encouraged the decay of Communism in Italy.

Meanwhile, the decline of Communism in France was being reflected in the constituencies and the polling centres, and also in the House of Deputies.

Although Auriol has made many unavailing efforts to set up a stable Government, Communist influence far from being nourished by these failures, has continued in its decline.

Finland feels the weight of the Russian yoke more oppressively.

Notwithstanding that, the electors there boldly rejected Communist candidates and set up a Government which would be ready to throw off Russian influence and to defy Russian threats at the first opportunity.

Tito, beaming arrogantly, was strong enough and bold enough to part from the Cominform and set up something of his own, which, he declares, will have all the advantages of Russian Communism and none of its defects.

Whatever his "something" in Yugoslavia might be, Tito does not accept Russian authority from Moscow.

### HELPED THE SOCIALISTS TO WIN

In Britain, the Communist Party certainly helped the Socialists to win 40 or 50 seats from the Tory Party at the General Election.

But their influence has steadily decreased since that moment, and today Communist votes are defying Communist Party influence, opposing it with the obvious knowledge that the power used on their behalf in the last election no longer exists.

It is a long-established practice of politicians to kick down the ladder by which they have climbed. This time the practice is justified.

In America, last month, the electorate gave the answer to the Communists.

It is the brain and nervous system of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, the Reds had hoped that he would poll enough votes for them to claim that the people of the United States wanted neither Republicans nor Democrats.

Wallace's poll of just over a million—one-fifth of what he had himself expected.

### DEEP, RESTLESS ANTAGONISM

Unhappily, the signs of newborn freedom in Poland have been crushed and broken, but assuredly only for a time.

There is a deep, restless antagonism towards the Communists there.

On one front only are the Communists gaining ground, and that is not in Western Europe.

It is, moreover, a military front: where force of arms more than the ballot box is determining the issue—China.

Where should we look for the heart of the inspiration of all this resistance against Communism? It is to be found, of course, in the unwavering policy of George Marshall.



MARSHALL, one of the men who gave the Allies victory in war, whose policy has routed Communism in Europe.

"Millions of Americans gave their country outstanding service. General of the Army George C. Marshall gave it victory."

This is the same George Marshall who was the glittering bird of paradise of the American Press and the American people during the war.

He was the Chief of Staff, responsible for military preparations and knowledge of Japanese intentions, who was horse-riding on the Sunday morning when Pearl Harbour was bombed.

But at that time neither this remarkable coincidence nor the lack of preparations in the Pacific could injure him. His popularity remained unharmed by Pearl Harbour.

### DIRECTED WORLD WAR STRATEGY

This man, with the pouched mouth, the jowled cheeks, and the prominently boned face, stayed beside President Roosevelt at the White House throughout the war, advising, guiding, and directing a worldwide strategy.

The U.S. secretary of war, Mr. Stimson said of him: "General Marshall's ability has no ceiling; it expands with his job."

A simple man, a modest man, a home-loving and family man, Marshall received the loud-voiced praise of his countrymen without seeking it.

He was bitterly disappointed when Roosevelt appointed Eisenhower to the Supreme Allied Command in Europe.

Roosevelt had made it clear that Marshall would be appointed to this active command, and Roosevelt it was who denied him the honour, not Churchill, as contemporary rumour had it.

No adequate explanation of this failure to appoint Marshall has ever been given. It remains one of the mysteries of the war.

Marshall, with his clear vision, and firm control of the world situation, stayed at home in Washington.

### WOULD NOT RUN FOR PRESIDENCY

While the presidential limelight was shining on Eisenhower, Marshall was also the choice of many newspapers, supported by public opinion. But Marshall announced, with a firmness and a decision that left no doubt of his resolution, that he would not allow himself to be nominated as a presidential candidate.

He went on quietly with his work, growing in strength his ability ever-expanding with the progress of his battle against Communism.

And now, when he has reached the peak of greatness with his defeat of Communism in Western Europe, his term of office as Secretary of State is coming to an end.

Thus we have witnessed once more the extraordinary example of a public man in declining authority carrying out his tasks and duties with decision and in a triumphantly successful measure.

In truth, it may be said, that Marshall, in his decline, has conferred on his country and on all Western Europe a policy which brings benefits and advantages exceeding anything accomplished by him during the dark days of the war.

## LABOUR POINT OF VIEW

By Ernest Thurtle, MP

**A** FIRM note is to be detected in the T.U.C. statement just issued on the subject of Communist disruptive tactics inside trades unions.

It indicates that in their new campaign the General Council mean business. This is not surprising, for much is at stake.

The British trade-union movement is pledged up to the hilt to support Marshall aid and the campaign for European recovery.

Against this policy the Communists, in accordance with Cominform instructions, are working with the fury of fanaticism. Their success would bring down British economic recovery with a crash.

Therefore the T.U.C. and the unions generally really have reached the hour of showdown.

**R**ANK and the file Labour is not happy about the necessity to increase the period of compulsory military service to 18 months.

The proposal is bound to give rise to passionate protests, and possibly even a minority revolt.

However, the great bulk of the party will see the measure through Parliament, though without enthusiasm.

They realise that this is no time to expose the Government to attack for failing to take proper defensive measures.

**M**R JOHN DUGDALE, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, is a capable young man, and he himself is clearly not oblivious of the fact.

From this perhaps arises a certain hint of snuggles, always an irritant to the House.

It was doubtless this which led blunt Brendan Brecken, no paragon of parliamentary politeness, to invite the junior Minister "to take that enigmatical sneer off his face" when the subject of price-money was being discussed.

**J**OHAN may indeed not believe that it is the meek who inherit the earth, but he is not a bad sort of man. He has got his job at the Admiralty which he has held since 1945, with commendable efficiency.

A product of Wellington and Oxford, he did journalistic work for a time, and for many years before the war was private secretary to Mr. Attlee.

His reward came in 1941, when he entered Parliament unopposed for the safe Labour seat of West Bromwich.

Now, at 43, holding junior office, and enjoying the Prime Minister's benevolent interest, he may well feel that the world is his oyster.

**W**ITHOUT malice, I draw attention to the fact that the present Parliament is not producing any outstanding women members.

Dr. Summerskill continues to exhibit high-grade efficiency at the Ministry of Food, and may yet achieve full Ministerial status.

But she is a shining exception. On the back benches there are, of course, worthy and capable women members, but no Eleanor Rathbone or Lady Astor who are impressing their personalities on the House.

This is not a carping male complaint, for I realise that our ladies are still relatively few in number, but a fact to be registered with regret.

**O**UR relationship with Eire, as defined by the Prime Minister the other day, can only be defended on grounds of expediency.

Eire is outside the Commonwealth, and now has no link of any kind with Britain, yet her citizens living in British territories are not to be considered foreigners.

We may call this arrangement convenient or practical if we like. We cannot call it logical.

NANCY Women's Prerogative



By Ernie Bushmiller



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## COWIE APPEAL: NEW PHASE IN LEGAL ARGUMENT

The Cowie case entered upon a new phase of legal argument in the Full Court of Appeal this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, sitting with Mr Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge). The appellant is William Henry Cowie, ex-Sub-Inspector of the Hongkong Police Force, while the respondent is the Attorney-General, who is represented by Mr A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) instructed by Mr L. R. Andrewes (Crown Solicitor). Appearing on behalf of Cowie, Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan (T'ao and Hodgson), this morning made application that an order of Mr Justice Gould (then Acting Puisne Judge) made on September 2, 1948, that the appellant was estopped from saying that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in the Statement of Claim, be set aside, and in lieu thereof it may be ordered that the appellant was not so estopped.

It will be recalled that there was a subsequent hearing on September 14 as a result of which Mr Justice Gould held in favour of Cowie and ruled that Cowie might at the trial of the action prove that there were breaches of natural justice at the proceedings before the Board of Inquiry.

Both the first and second judgments were on points of law which the Court was being asked to determine before the trial of the action. Cowie had originally brought a claim for damages against the Hongkong Government for alleged breach of contract for wrongful dismissal. At the hearing, Mr Lonsdale, denying the right of the Government to dismiss Cowie, said that the defence was in fact a plea of res judicata (an issue that has been settled in a court).

Counsel's table was crowded with legal authorities, copies of local Ordinances and will be made in the case at the hearing.

**SKELETON CASE**

Opening for the appellant, Mr Bernacchi said the appeal was from a decision of Mr Justice Gould on a preliminary point of law. The solicitors for the respondent were desirous of attaching to the record of proceedings the judgment of Mr Justice Gould on the second point of law, and as far as the appellant was concerned, Counsel said he was not objecting at the present stage, but would reserve his right to make an objection if that judgment came to be used later.

The appeal concerned a lengthy and interesting point and it was a matter in which it was incumbent upon Counsel to go into considerable detail and was one in which their Lordships would indeed be hearing him all day. Before he commenced, he wished to present a skeleton of his case nearly all of whose limbs, he submitted, were to counter the estoppel.

The relevant facts were as set out in the statement of claim. The appellant was previously employed in the Hongkong Police Force, a certain summons was taken out against him, but was later withdrawn before a Magistrate, and the appellant appeared before a Department Board of Inquiry. On August 12, the appellant was held to have committed an offence by conduct calculated to bring the public service into disrepute by receiving the sum of \$50 from a certain Chinese. On August 21, the appellant received a letter from the Colonial Secretary which stated that the Governor had ordered the appellant's dismissal.

The sole matter which was relied upon as an estoppel was the finding of the Board of Inquiry, said Counsel, and his argument against the pleadings was contained in a total of eleven limbs.

**POINTS SUMMARISED**

Summarising the points which he intended to deal with, Counsel said they were (1) that there was no estoppel because the parties to the present action were not the same as

the parties before the Board of Inquiry; (2) that the Board of Inquiry had no jurisdiction to sit as a judicial tribunal for the purpose of finally determining the matters before it and, as a corollary to that, that its decision was not final but purely for the guidance of the Commissioner of Police; (3) that the Board of Inquiry's decision amounted to a bare verdict not supported by judgment because the Board had no power to give judgment to support their verdict; if it were pleaded it might be possible to argue that the decision of the Governor created an estoppel because it was a judgment or verdict; (4) the reciprocity test and its application to the present circumstances; namely, a test of what the effect would have been had the decision been the other way on the ground that estoppel must be mutual; (5) that there was no promulgation of the decision such as to create a sufficient estoppel; (6) that the decision was ambiguous and therefore could be the subject matter of an estoppel; (7) that the present action did not raise the same issue as was raised before the Board of Inquiry, except collaterally; (8) he would deal with arguments in the Abercrombie case; (9) he would deal in general with the leading decisions in the past dealing with domestic forum which had held a domestic forum to constitute a res judicata and to distinguish those cases from the present one; (10) he would deal with the cases relied upon by Counsel for the respondent, particularly the General Medical Board cases; and (11) a few odd matters including the question of burden of proof of res judicata.

Mr Bernacchi then proceeded to enlarge on his points, and referred to a number of authorities in support.

The case is proceeding.

**Hon S.N. Chau Due Back Today**

Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, who has been Hongkong's chief representative at the conference held in Australia of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, is expected to arrive back this afternoon by BOAC flying-boat.

Mr R. Lee and Mr I. Lightbody, Hongkong's other representatives, will be returning later.

**Experiments To Eradicate Malaria**

London, Dec. 13.—British scientists have begun large-scale malaria eradication experiments in Mauritius, the Colonial Office here announced today.

The team consists of a physician, a chemist, an entomologist and six field workers.

Synthetic insecticides are being used for the experiments, which are to last for two years.—Reuter.

## Madame Chiang In Washington



Madame Chiang Kai-shek (left), first lady of China, and Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State, prepare to leave Washington National airport following Madame Chiang's arrival by plane.—AP Picture.

## Belcher Denies Seeking Business Directorship

### LEAVES WITNESS STAND AFTER 11½ HOURS OF QUESTIONING

London, Dec. 13.—Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, today told the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles that Sidney Stanley, a Stateless alien who is a key figure in the inquiry, had never spoken to him about a proposal to import amusement machinery from the United States.

Mr Henry Self, a London amusement caterer, had suggested the import of prototypes to enable Britain to manufacture this machinery, but he had given him no encouragement, Mr Belcher said.

Mr Belcher said Mr Self had said nothing about £10,000 being paid to Board of Trade officials as a bribe so that a licence could be granted.

He agreed that he was spending his £2,000 a year salary to the full, although he was not in debt. Asked about evidence by an earlier witness that he had once said he was looking for a business directorship, Mr Belcher described the suggestion as "completely foul" and "revolting."

He said he had no recollection of remarking to a businessman that one day he might be looking for a job. He said Stanley took him to see Isaac Wolfson, chief of the Great Universal Stores.

Mr Belcher was sure the meeting had not been arranged to offer him a directorship, but he admitted that he had no doubt that he would have considered the matter very carefully if Mr Wolfson had offered him a directorship after he had ceased to be a Member of Parliament.

Asked if he had ever told businessmen to get directly in touch with him instead of going through the normal channels at the Board of Trade, Mr Belcher answered: "It is quite fantastic. Only a madman would be like that with somebody he had never met before."

Mr Belcher said Sidney Stanley had never at any time made any suggestion to him about assisting in matters that seemed improper. He agreed that one idea Stanley had discussed with him was a permanent exhibition of British goods in the United States.

It was an idea which had been pursued to some extent.

**U.S. LOAN DISCUSSED**

Stanley and he had also touched on the question of an American loan, and said Mr Belcher, he remembered meeting a Walter Kirschner from the United States about this, and about the Palestine situation.

He had rathered that both Stanley and Kirschner were distressed by the actions of the terrorists in Palestine, and Kirschner was on his way to Paris to discuss what could be done to prevent it.

Mr Belcher declared that since becoming Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, he had set out to popularise his Department with the business community.

He had rejected some borderline applications to the Board of Trade precisely because they had been submitted by personal friends.

Mr Belcher was again questioned about the dropping of a prosecution for infringement of the paper regulations against Shermans football pools.

He said there had been considerable political pressure on him from two sides—from Members of Parliament trying to help Shermans, and from other Members who disliked football pool competitions.

Mr Belcher described as "preposterous" allegations of bribery against Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, Mr Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and other servants.

He left the witness stand after a total of almost 11 and a half hours. Counsel for Mr Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, asked if his client would be allowed to give evidence to show that allegations made by Stanley that he

## N. ATLANTIC PACT TALKS

### More Countries To Be Invited

Washington, Dec. 13.—Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Portugal will be invited to join the seven-power North Atlantic Pact talks now in progress here, it was learned authoritatively today.

Eire and Italy have also been discussed informally as potential members of the proposed Alliance. Officials said America, Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Canada will reach "identity of view" and then invite the Ambassadors of certain other powers to join the talks.

The American State Department is believed to favour sounding out the other powers soon on whether they would like to join in the talks. American officials are known to back the inclusion of Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Portugal because of their strategic importance.

Denmark possesses Greenland, which has weather forecasting stations and is vital to North Atlantic air traffic.

Portugal possesses the Azores—a mid-Atlantic air base of primary importance. Eireann Government spokesmen have stated that Eire would not co-operate in any regional security system unless the partition of Ireland was ended.

Norway and Denmark control the northern European waters, which could be used for attacks against transports bringing troops and supplies from North America to Western Europe.—Reuter.

## Quick Arrests In PI Hold-up

Manila, Dec. 14.—City detectives quickly solved yesterday's US\$75,000 Surplus Property Commission payroll hold-up in the heart of Manila with the arrest of Manila Police Sergeant Gerónimo Pacheco, 58, less than two hours after the daring theft.

Also arrested were the Sergeant's 26-year-old college professor son, Mardonio, who was suspected by the police to be the master mind, and Jose Fernandez, 34, assistant disbursing officer of the Surplus Property Commission who, with two other SPC employees, was carrying the money in a car after getting it from the Philippine National Bank.

The police have recovered US\$27,000 of the stolen money from different houses in the city.

Investigation established that the car was stopped by a man in police uniform while on its way back to the SPC office. An unidentified man then entered and ordered that the car be driven to an isolated spot in the ruined walled city. One of the SPC employees in the car identified the uniformed man as Sergeant Pacheco.

The sachet which had contained the money was found partly buried in Pacheco's yard.—United Press.

## Letters To The Editor

### Safety Curb For Praja

Sir,—Year after year one or more motor cars fall off Connaught Road into the harbour, frequently with resultant loss of life.

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Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, 5 p.m.  
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and U.S.A. (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.  
Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Letters and Small Packet Posts) for Swatow, Amoy, Tientsin, Peking, Nanking, Hankow, Shanghai, Kowloon, Canton, Hongkong and U.S.A. (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea  
Formosa via Keelung, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) 3 p.m.  
Manila, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai, 3 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, 8.30 a.m. (reg.) 9 a.m. (ord.)  
Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg.) 9.30 a.m. (ord.)  
Canton, 12.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Amoy, Tientsin, Swatow and Foochow, 4.30 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea  
Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar and Caledonia, 1 p.m.  
Manila, 3 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
Closing Times By Air  
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nabopol, Johnsons), Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Swatow, Amoy, Tientsin, Peking, Nanking, Hankow, Shanghai, Kowloon, Canton, Hongkong and U.S.A. (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Swatow and Amoy, 5 p.m.  
Japan, 5 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea  
Manila, Mauritius, Mombasa, Z. Mar, Agues, Beira and South Africa via Durban, 10 a.m.  
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Japan and Honolulu, 3 p.m.

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— TO-MORROW — LAUREL & HARDY in "JITTERBUGS"

Danish Seaman Lost Overboard

At 9 p.m. on December 11, when the ss Laura Maersk was five days out from Manila on her way to Hongkong, Able Seaman E. A. Nielsen (27) either jumped or fell overboard.

The ship was stopped and a boat launched but there was no trace of the missing man.

In harbour today, the Laura Maersk was kept at half mast. An official inquiry will be held on board tomorrow by the Danish Consul before the ship sails for Keelung.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You're always raving how pretty these leaves are! Mom, you're like to admire 'em a little longer while I play football with the kids!"



## HOME SPORTFRONT

By PETER DITTON

# England's Next Test Captain — Cyril Washbrook?

London, Dec. 13.—"Cyril Washbrook, England and Lancashire opening batsman, is not going to turn amateur" cabled Crawford White last week from the Press Camp with the MCC touring team in South Africa to his paper the "News Chronicle." This innocent information caused more consternation than its face value indicates.

For some time past Cyril Washbrook has been mentioned as a possible Captain of England for 1950. Indeed Crawford White goes on to say "From a reliable source in London I learn that he (Washbrook) has also had a strong approach from a leading light at Lords who pointedly referred to England's dilemma for a captain in Australia in 1950."

Tradition dies hard in Marylebone, headquarters of English cricket. No professional has ever been picked in advance by the powers that be to captain a Test team. (I believe there have been brief moments when professionals have stood in as captains in emergencies in the field).

But it has been thought that even the most formal and traditional Washbrook might turn amateur, and of English selectors will allow an

"ex-pro" to captain England. Walter Hammond led the MCC team in Australia in 1946—after he had turned amateur without bringing down the vengeance of the god of cricket on his selectors.

Washbrook last season was given the match against Australia by his club. The game was played in three days of glorious weather and altogether Washbrook benefitted to the extent of £14,000. This exceeded £3,000 the previous record—the good fortune of Bill Bowes of Yorkshire.

With this untaxed cash in his pocket, Washbrook presumably has resources to become an amateur. And if selected as captain of England he would probably be offered a job outside cricket to look after his future.

But Crawford White's terse cable sends the selectors back to their problem—who can they find for the 1950 tour? Or can they, dare they, break with tradition and defy W.G.'s beard wagging in his grave by choosing a professional for the job? It is unlikely. If Washbrook remains a pro his chances are remote.

The only case of a professional captain in English county cricket today is Leslie Berry of Leicestershire. Is it remotely possible that this County exception will be paralleled in Test cricket?

## Odd Man Out

Harry Dilton of the "News of the World" has asked in his article, how English selectors choose deputes for international matches. He quoted the case of Jack Rowley of Manchester United, chosen as first reserve for the England team which beat Switzerland 6-0 at Highbury.

When Finney of Preston had to stand down from the England team because of a leg injury, Rowley, equally at home as a centre forward or outside left, was the obvious choice to replace him.

Instead, the selectors picked Hancock from Wolverhampton to deputise for the injured Preston man, and if Mortenson of Blackpool had also been declared unfit, Rowley would not have got a place in the side. Harry Dilton attacked this odd policy of passing over the original reserve and labelled it unfair.

In the same week, John Thompson of the "Daily Mirror" printed the story of England's shadow team which showed up the peculiar habits of the selectors—and answered Harry Dilton's criticism. Thompson explained that the selectors picked two teams before every international match.

One represents England, the other, a shadow team, remains in reserve. "Matthews' deputy is Gordon Hurst of Charlton Athletic, who cost his club only a £10-signing-on fee" wrote Thompson. To know the selectors think him good enough to deputise for the illustrious Matthews is certainly a great honour for this young player.

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## IAAF RATIFIES

## New World Records

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has announced the acceptance of 10 performances as world records. The new figures passed are:

400 Metres Run in 45.0 seconds by Herb McKenley, Jamaica, at Millwaukee, U.S.A., on July 2, 1948. Previous record: 46.0 seconds by Grover Klemmer, United States, and Rudolf Harbig, Germany.

2,000 Metres Run in 8 minutes 7 seconds by Gaston Reiff, Belgium, at Brussels on September 20, 1948. Previous record: 8 mins. 11.8 secs. by Gunder Haegg, Sweden.

3,000 Metres Run in 1 hour 40 mins. 40.4 seconds by Mikko Heiskanen, Finland, at Jyväskylä, Finland, on June 20, 1948. Previous record: 1 h. 40 m. 57.6 s. by J. Ribas, Argentina.

Five Miles Walk in 35 m. 43.4 s. by I. G. Churcher, Great Britain, at Molesey Park, Surrey, on June 6, 1948. (Distance not previously recognised for world record purposes).

Hammer Throw of 193 feet 7 1/2 inches (59.02 metres) by Imre Nemeth, Hungary, at Tata, Hungary, on July 14, 1948. Previous record: 192 feet 6 7/8 inches (59.00 metres) by Erwin Blask, Germany.

Discus Throw of 181 feet 6 3/8 inches (55.33 metres) by Adolfo Consolini, Italy, at Milan on October 10, 1948, improving on Consolini's own record figure of 177 feet 11 inches (54.23 metres).

100 Metres Run in 11.3 seconds by Mrs. F. E. Blankers-Koen, Netherlands, at Amsterdam on June 13, 1948, equalling her own previous world record of 11.5 seconds.

80 Metres Hurdles in 11.0 seconds by Mrs. F. E. Blankers-Koen, Netherlands, at Amsterdam on June 20, 1948, improving on her own previous world record of 11.3 seconds.

40 Yards Sprint Relay in 47.4 seconds by Netherlands National Team (G. de Jongh, N. Witziers, Timmer, G. van der Kade, Koudys and P. E. Blankers-Koen) at Ryswyk, Netherlands, on July 25, 1948. Previous record: 48.8 seconds by Netherlands National Team.

Javelin Throw of 158 feet 2 inches (48.21 metres) by Herma Bauma, Austria, at Vienna on June 29, 1947. Previous record: 154 feet 11 1/2 inches (47.24 metres) by A. Steinhauer, Germany.

## AAA SCHEME

ACCENT ON THE PROBABLES  
London, Dec. 13.—The Amateur Athletic Association's coaching scheme is to be extended to include special training for athletes who show promise of reaching international standard in track and field events.

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## MILLS ADAMANT

Whiling Away The Tax Year  
London, Dec. 13.—Tod Broadbribb, manager of the world light-heavyweight champion, Freddie Mills, said last night that his fighter rejected a challenge to fight Ezzard Charles at New York next March.

The match was proposed as a heavy-weight elimination bout after Charles had lost to Joe Bakula on Friday night at New York.

Broadbribb explained that Mills will not fight before April when the tax year ends because it would be a case of paying practically all the purse in income taxes.

"I do not work for nothing," said Charles in a dull performance, he said.—United Press.

## THE SELECTORS ARE OUT

## In The Hunt For Walker Cup Talent

London, Dec. 13.—While the professional Golfers Association who are responsible for the selection and preparation of the British Ryder Cup team have, as yet, made no move in connection with next September's match, apart from selecting Canton in Yorkshire as the venue, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club have taken steps towards a challenge for the Walker Cup, the trophy for which amateur teams of Great Britain and the United States compete, in August.

For this match, the British team visit America and the Selection Committee, which has been in existence for some time, has co-opted Sam MacKinnay, a far-seeing Scot who knows the requirements of an international player of Walker Cup calibre, to assist them.

Early next month, the Committee will formulate plans as to how they will set about choosing the British team. There is little or no golf in this dreary winter days on which form can be based, but the eagerness of the selectors has been shown by the way one of them has gone around the country, watching minor events, studying the form of possible trial players.

The President's Butler Tournament at Ryde, Sussex, in January annually attracted some of the best amateur golfers in Great Britain, and this coming event will be no exception.

It is good to stand to reason it will justify further trials in more pleasant weather. Then it is anticipated that one major trial will take place in the spring when Walker Cup probabilities can be selected, giving them several weeks to polish up their game so that a really first-class team sails for America.

Because of a new decision this year, leading amateurs will be allowed to compete with professionals in major stroke tournaments and this should prove a grand opportunity for them.

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CYRIL WASHBROOK

## South African Team Selected

Johannesburg, Dec. 13.—South Africa's team to meet England in the first Test, which begins at Durban on Thursday, contains no surprises. The side is as follows:

D. Nourse (Natal) captain, E. Rowan (Transvaal), O. Wynne (Western Province), B. Mitchell (Transvaal), W. Wado (Natal), D. Begbie (Transvaal), O. Dawson (Natal), A. Rowan (Transvaal), L. Tuckett (Orange Free State), N. Mann (Western Province) and C. McCarthy (Natal).

The only surprise is the announcement of the decision the selectors to retain the team en bloc for the second Test at Johannesburg.

Men well versed in South African cricket history could recall a precedent for such an action. The view of the selectors is that they are more likely to get the best out of the players if they know their places are secure for two Tests. Only three of the team are new to Test matches.

They are Owen Wynne, who has scored two centuries against the M.C.C., Douglas Begbie, who got a century for Transvaal to-day and McCarthy, the six feet two inches young fast bowler, who took six wickets in Natal's match against the tourists.—Reuter.

## MCC TOUR

## Record Innings By Transvaal

Johannesburg, Dec. 13.—Transvaal kept the ball rolling all day here today when they gained a first innings lead of 47 in the match which ended in a draw—the third drawn game of the tour.

Stumps were pulled after Cliff Gladwin had finished off the innings with successive balls, with the Transvaal total at 500 in reply to the MCC first innings of 513 for seven.

It was the highest innings hit against the touring team. Denis Begbie and Tony Harris took the edge off the bowling by carrying their unfinished fifth wicket stand to 171. Begbie batted just under six hours for his 154, which included 18 fours.

Later in the day, Alan Melville, after reaching his 50 indicated in some fierce hitting and appeared set for his century when he fell lbw, eight short of his objective.—Reuter.

## SHEFFIELD SHIELD

## NSW In Lead

Perth, Dec. 13.—All out for 241 in their innings in reply to New South Wales 507, Western Australia followed on at Sheffield Shield match here and had lost two second innings wickets for 96 at the close.

Overnight, Western Australia were 84 for two, 10-40, Roy Lindwall, the Test fast bowler, took four wickets for 69 in Western Australia's first innings. A. Walker claiming two for 42, and F. Johnston two for 67. Carmody hit 38 not out for Western Australia when they followed on, 286 runs behind.—Reuter.

## Queensland Follow On

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—William Johnston, Australia's left arm bowler, took three wickets in four balls for Victoria against Queensland to-day in their Sheffield Shield match.

Queensland, all out for 285 in reply to Victoria's 430, followed on with 181 runs behind and were 85 for one at the close of play.

The match ends to-morrow. Two young players, K. Archer (10) and K. McKay (67) added 77, and checked an earlier Queensland collapse. Johnston finished with five for 61. Johnston took three for 78 and D. Ring two for 70.—Reuter.

## TEST MATCH

## Modi & Hazare Give India A Draw

Bombay, Dec. 13.—Centuries by R. S. Modi (112) and V. Hazare (134 not out) here today enabled India to draw the second Test against West Indies.

After making 278 in their first innings—following on 356 runs behind the West Indies first innings total of 629 for 6 declared—India recovered from an early setback in their second innings and were 333 for three wickets when play ended.

Modi and Hazare took the overnight score of 85 for two wickets to 180 before being separated, the partnership of 156 runs lasting three hours 20 minutes.

Modi hit 12 fours in an innings of three hours 38 minutes, while Hazare scored 18 fours in six hours 11 minutes at the wicket.

An unbeaten 58 by India's captain, L. Amarnath, who was missed in the slips before scoring, put an end to West Indies' hopes of a win, and after tea the only interest remained in whether India would be able to wipe off the deficit.

The West Indies attack badly missed John Godard, their captain, who was unable to field today, owing to a slight attack of bronchitis, and runs came freely at times, in spite of numerous bowling changes.—Reuter.

An unfinished third wicket partnership of 151 by R. S. Modi and V. Hazare at lunch time gave India a chance of forcing a draw. Modi, who scored 107 not out, attacked the other end going with a stolid innings of 58 not out.

At the luncheon interval, India, who followed on yesterday with 350 runs behind, were 184 for two wickets.

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

## LUCK OF THE DRAW FOR FIRST DIVISION CLUBS

London, Dec. 13.—The luck of the draw for the third round of the Football Association Cup has undoubtedly gone to the First Division clubs, for 12 of the 22 are at home and in only three instances do premier teams clash.

It would, therefore, be possible for 19 First Division clubs to be in the fourth round.

In 24 of the 32 ties, teams of different status are in opposition. The outstanding pairings are an All London match, Arsenal versus Tottenham, and the All-Lancashire match, between Everton and Manchester City.

Manchester United, the Cup holders, appear to have an easy task in receiving Bournemouth, while Blackpool, defeated finalists last season, should be able to make progress at Barnsley.

The only two non-League clubs who remained in the competition were also favoured by fortune: Yeovil, the Southern League side, have a home game with Bury, the strong Second Division side, and Walthamstow Avenue, the amateurs, if they win their second round replay, will receive Cardiff City.—Reuter.

## THE DRAW

London, Dec. 13.—Draw for the third round of the Football Association Cup matches to be played on January 8, with replays the following Saturday, was made to-day and resulted as follows:

Birmingham	Leicester	Blackpool	Sheff Wed
Barnsley	Stockport	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Blackburn	Aldershot	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Preston	Manchester	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Derby	Southport or York	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Manchester	Middlesbrough	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Plymouth	Newcastle	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Sheff Wed	Bradford C. or N.	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Bristol	Brighton	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Leeds	Newport C.	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Rotherham	Darlington	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Sheff Wed	Manchester C.	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Bournemouth	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Cardiff C.	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Cheltenham	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Exeter	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Grimsby	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
Walsley	Harrogate	Blackburn	Sheff Wed
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## World Cup Tourney

London, Dec. 13.—The English Football Association voted on Monday to enter a soccer team for the World Cup competition in Brazil in 1950.—Associated Press.



## GRIEVANCES AIRED

London, Dec. 13.—The English Football Association and the Football League officials today met representatives of the Players' Union to discuss the grievances of soccer players.

There was an exchange of views "ranging over a number of matters," but no final decision was reached other than that there should be a further meeting on January 4, 1949.

It is believed that the Union, in the event of a deadlock after the next meeting, will seek the Ministry of Labour's intervention as they did on a previous occasion over the wage claims.—Reuter.

## Hockey Meeting

A meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will take place in the South China Morning Post board room at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15. Secretaries of all hockey clubs are requested to attend.

Items on the agenda include: (1) To elect representatives for the International Tournament; (2) To fix a date for the Interport match with Macao.—Associated Press.

## The European Soccer Cup

But probably the most controversial issue of the week was raised by "Daily Express" Sports Columnist John Macadam when he suggested English football should be replaced by a Master League incorporating all the principal cities in Europe.

"First move would be to put British football on a national basis, to all the crack clubs from Aberdeen to London engaged, and then to launch the League of Europe that every enlightened legislator knows must come eventually," said Macadam.

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## DAVIS CUP

## Australia May Stay Out

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—It is still doubtful whether Australia, runners-up last year, will contest the 1949 Davis Cup.

The uncertainty on this point, expressed earlier by some officials, was confirmed at a meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia to-day.

The President, Sir Norman Brooks, told the meeting: "A tour would show a loss, which would cripple the Association, unless the Challenge Round were reached."

"It is doubtful whether the Australian Government would grant a Dollar permit unless the Association could guarantee reaching the Challenge Round, as \$10,000 would be needed."

He recommended that a decision be deferred until next month.—Reuter.

## IRC FINALS ON SATURDAY

The Ladies' Recreation



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